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Reporting for the week ending May 9, 2010.

General

Much of last week was warm and dry for most of the state, however rain showers moved in by week's end. All 36 weather stations received measurable rainfall last week. The greatest precipitation amount was recorded at Morrilton with 2.05 inches, followed by 1.83 inches recorded at Harrison. Topsoil moisture supplies were 18 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. On average, farmers had 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Low temperatures ranged from 39 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 58 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 84 degrees Fahrenheit at 4 weather stations to 93 degrees Fahrenheit at Warren.

Crops

Farmers were able to make significant planting progress last week. In some areas, strong winds hindered much needed herbicide applications to row crops. Corn planting was completed last week and 98 percent of the crop had emerged. Emergence was 17 percent ahead of 2009 and 12 percent ahead of the five-year average. The majority of the crop remained in mostly fair to good condition. Cotton producers were able to plant an additional 30 percent of the crop by week's end, with one-fourth of the crop emerged. Rice planted was nearing completion at 95 percent by week's end, 29 percent ahead of last year and 16 percent ahead of the five-year average. Rice emerged was at 82 percent, 36 percent ahead of 2009 and 25 percent ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum planted was at 98 percent, with sorghum emerged at 88 percent by week's end. Farmers had 41 percent of the soybean crop planted last week. Soybeans emerged, at 27 percent, were 14 percent ahead of 2009 and 8 percent ahead of the five-year average. The winter wheat crop was at 96 percent headed at week's end.

Livestock

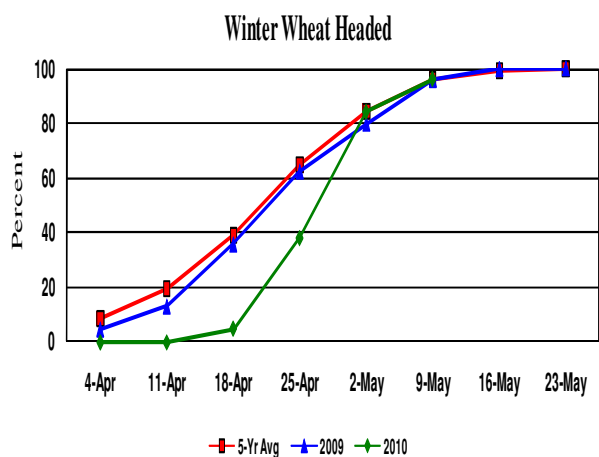
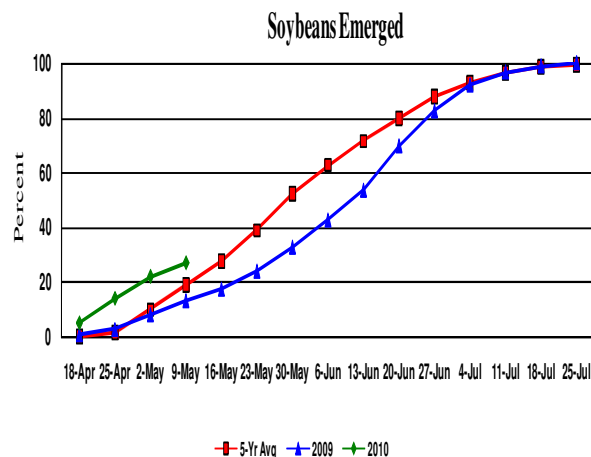
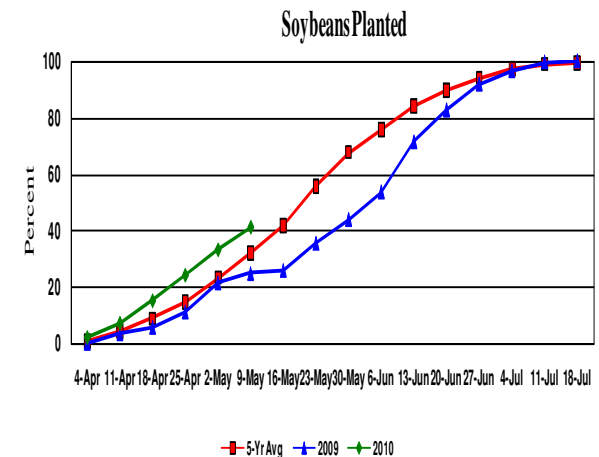
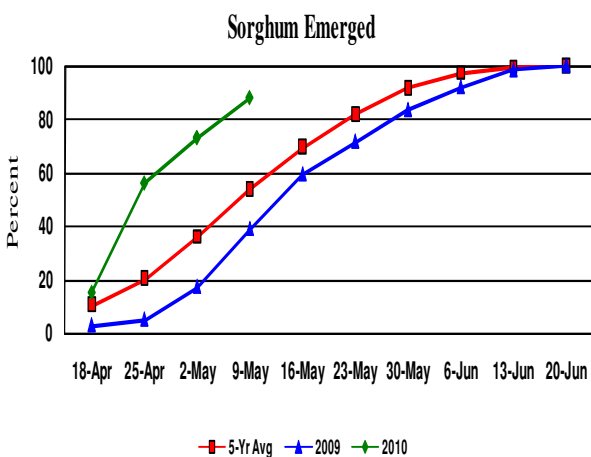
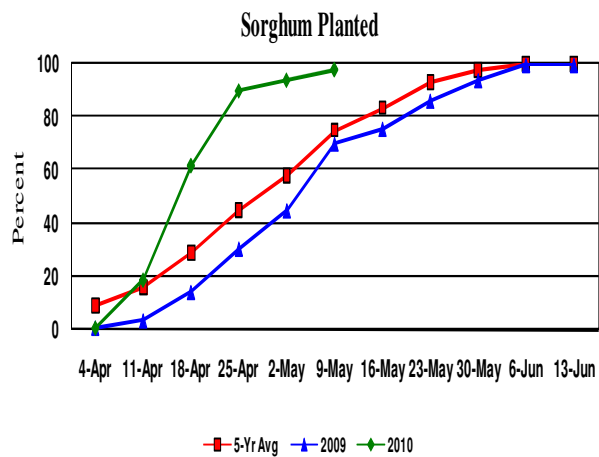
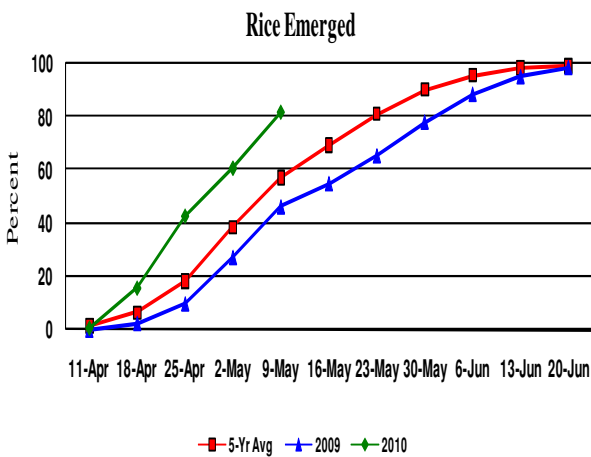
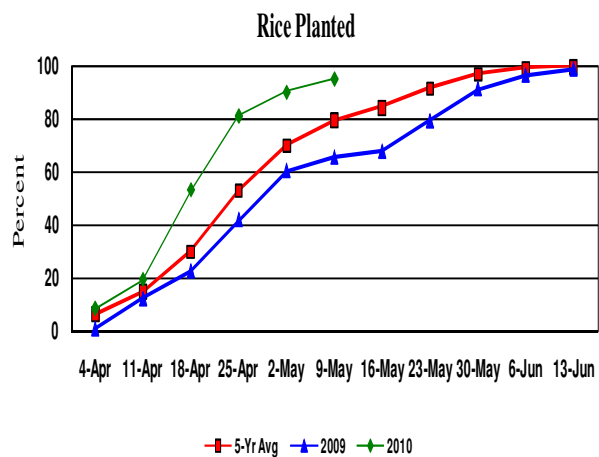
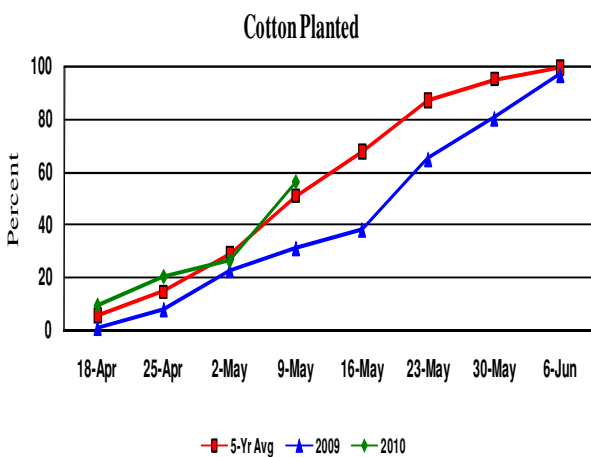
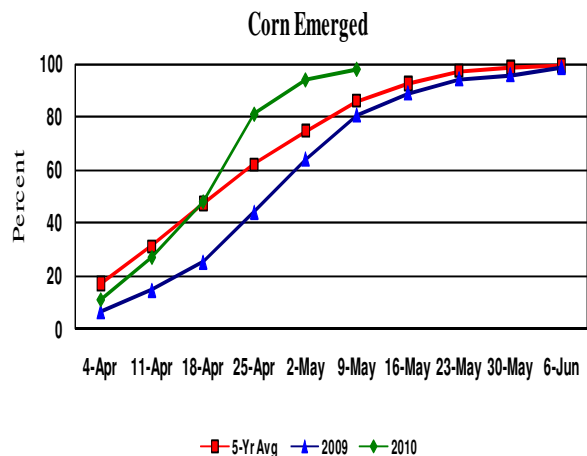
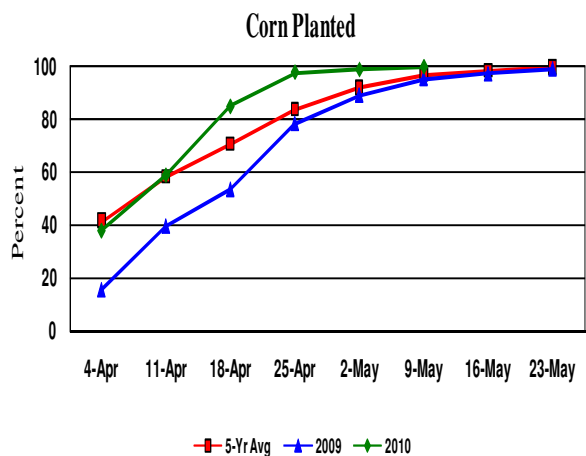
Livestock continued to be in mostly fair to good condition last week. Pasture and range and hay crops were also reported in mostly fair to good condition. Some producers are waiting for a break in the weather to get that first cutting of hay.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2009	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	100	99	95	97
	Emerged	98	94	81	86
Cotton	Planted	56	26	31	51
	Emerged	25	10	12	16
Rice	Planted	95	90	66	79
	Emerged	82	61	46	57
Sorghum	Planted	98	94	70	75
	Emerged	88	73	39	54
Soybeans	Planted	41	33	25	32
	Emerged	27	22	13	19
Winter Wheat	Headed	96	84	96	96

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	7	29	46	18
Sorghum	0	7	47	43	3
Rice	0	6	28	52	14
Winter Wheat	2	7	46	39	6
Hay-Alfalfa	0	1	16	77	6
Hay-Other	0	3	43	52	2
Pasture and Range	0	3	39	51	7



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending May 9, 2010									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending May 9	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2010	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	85	39	1	1.03	3.75	4.14	15.36	14.69
	Harrison	85	45	2	1.83	3.99	3.99	15.06	15.27
N. Central	Calico Rock	86	42	0	0.46	4.14	4.16	17.75	16.53
	Gilbert	87	40	-2	0.96	3.01	4.07	17.11	15.63
	Greers Ferry	86	49	2	1.04	5.32	4.68	18.21	18.90
	Mtn. Home	87	46	2	0.97	3.75	3.97	16.63	16.06
Northeast	Batesville	87	49	2	0.38	7.60	4.53	18.34	17.72
	Blytheville	87	49	3	0.07	3.73	4.94	14.26	19.48
	Jonesboro	88	50	3	0.57	4.48	4.76	15.30	18.26
	Keiser	89	51	5	0.39	7.38	4.77	20.56	19.34
	Newport	85	51	1	0.60	5.38	4.58	18.31	18.49
W. Central	Booneville	89	43	-1	0.36	2.16	4.51	12.99	16.70
	Clarksville	88	50	3	1.39	3.18	4.38	16.08	16.44
	Dardanelle	89	48	2	1.17	5.93	4.32	19.15	17.13
	Ft. Smith	91	46	1	1.26	2.68	4.02	12.90	14.58
	Mena	85	46	0	0.74	4.35	5.31	18.74	19.59
	Ozark	89	48	2	0.61	5.29	3.74	17.84	15.35
Central	Conway	88	51	2	0.55	4.98	4.54	16.30	17.92
	Hot Springs	88	47	1	1.01	3.35	5.29	16.95	20.55
	Little Rock	90	51	2	0.68	6.55	5.05	17.51	19.23
	Morrilton	89	48	3	2.05	5.12	4.31	17.47	17.39
	N. Little Rock	89	52	1	0.83	7.59	4.89	19.47	18.53
E. Central	Brinkley	89	52	4	1.50	5.44	5.07	16.37	19.84
	Marianna	90	53	3	1.14	6.32	4.94	21.03	21.01
	Stuttgart	92	51	3	0.59	2.40	4.97	16.30	19.58
	West Memphis	88	53	3	0.24	10.13	4.93	22.66	21.28
Southwest	DeQueen	88	48	0	0.44	3.33	4.88	16.28	19.38
	Hope	89	48	0	1.70	3.98	4.48	14.97	19.95
	Texarkana	89	50	-1	0.43	1.86	3.64	11.45	16.47
S. Central	Camden	91	50	0	0.45	3.12	4.22	15.90	20.33
	El Dorado	90	51	0	0.14	2.21	4.40	16.99	20.99
	Warren	93	51	1	0.64	2.31	4.51	17.39	22.58
Southeast	Eudora	92	58	6	0.02	5.16	5.59	19.95	25.30
	Monticello	90	50	4	0.47	2.20	4.69	15.71	22.73
	Pine Bluff	91	54	2	0.64	1.81	4.80	15.20	20.41
	Rohwer	92	53	3	0.15	3.25	4.64	17.75	21.68

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$ - 30 year average

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